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AN ACT to name State Route 103 in Dyer County and two bridges located on such highway to honor the memories of three brave soldiers from Dyer County.

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the armed forces and many continue this legacy of service today, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, this meritorious service continues the time-honored tradition of Tennessee volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, from Valley Forge to Kuwait, our armed forces have unselfishly paid the price of freedom for their friends and families, for all of us; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should honor those courageous men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives to preserve the blessed freedoms we enjoy and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the intrepid and valiant members of the United States Armed Forces have continued to inspire our confidence, loyalty and support; and

WHEREAS, Private Leslie P. Bottoms and Mr. J. W. Morris, both of Dyer County made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives while serving in the U.S. Armed Force in World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmy Ray Orr of Dyer County courageously laid down his life for our freedom while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, leaders of veterans' organizations, the county commission, and various other citizens of the community feel that State Route 103 and two bridges located on such

highway should be named to honor and recognize these three brave sons of Dyer County who gave their lives so that we might enjoy the many bounties of democracy and the American way of life; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of law to the contrary, to appropriately honor the courage and selflessness of three brave sons of Dyer County, State Route 103 in Dyer County and two bridges located on such highway are hereby named as follows:

(1) State Route 103 in Dyer County is designated as the "Private Leslie P. Bottoms Memorial Highway"; and

(2) The two bridges approaching Miston on State Route 103 in Dyer County are designated as the "J.W. Morris Memorial Bridge" and the "Jimmy Ray Orr Memorial Bridge", respectively.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating State Route 103 in Dyer County and the two bridges located on such highway in honor of these valiant soldiers as specified in Section 1.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.